

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. An integrated telephone system adapted to be housed in a seat of a mobile platform, the system comprising:

a housing;

a first terminal supported on said housing, said first terminal providing an electrical connection point for a telephone handset of said system; and

a second terminal supported on said housing at a location readily accessible by a first user, said second terminal providing an electrical connection point for a computing device of said first user.

2. The integrated telephone system of claim 1, further comprising a third terminal supported on said housing at a location readily accessible by a second user, said third terminal providing an electrical connection point for a computing device of said second user.

3. The integrated telephone system of claim 1, wherein said second terminal comprises an Ethernet interface and provides an Ethernet connection.

4. The integrated telephone system of claim 2, wherein said third terminal comprises an Ethernet interface and provides an Ethernet connection.

5. A seat mounted to a vehicle having an integrated telephone system, comprising:

a cradle mounted in a recessed portion of the seat;

a first terminal adapted to be coupled to a communication device, said first terminal located on said cradle; and

a second terminal adapted to be coupled to a computing device of a user, said second terminal located on said cradle.

6. The seat of claim 5, further comprising a third terminal adapted to be coupled to a computing device of a user, said third terminal located on said cradle.

7. The seat of claim 5, wherein said communication device comprises a telephone handset.

8. The seat of claim 5, wherein said second terminal comprises a serial port interface.

9. The seat of claim 5, wherein said second terminal comprises a parallel port interface.

10. The seat of claim 5, wherein said second terminal comprises a USB interface.

11. The seat of claim 5, wherein said second terminal comprises a RJ-45 interface.

12. The seat of claim 5, wherein said first and said second terminals are in communication with a transmitter.

13. The seat of claim 5, wherein a communication link between said communication device and said first terminal comprises a hard-wired connection or a wireless connection.

14. The seat of claim 5, wherein a communication link between said computing device and said second terminal comprises a hard-wired connection or a wireless connection.

15. The seat of claim 6, wherein a communication link between said computing device and said third terminal comprises a hard-wired connection or a wireless connection.

16. The seat of claim 6, wherein said third terminal comprises a RJ-45 interface.

17. A method for adapting an existing seat mounted telephone system with an additional terminal comprising the steps of:

modifying the telephone system to receive a portion of a first additional terminal having an interface;

affixing said first additional terminal to the telephone system; and

connecting a communications cable to said first additional terminal.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said first additional terminal comprises a RJ-45 interface.

19. The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

modifying the telephone system to receive a portion of a second additional terminal having an interface;

affixing said second additional terminal to the telephone system;

and

connecting a communications cable to said second additional terminal.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein said first additional terminal comprises an Ethernet interface and the communications cable comprises an Ethernet cable.